Pandits and Hakims employed in Government Central Pharmacy, Bangalore.

Q.—48. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the No. of Pandits and Hakims employed in the Government Central Pharmacy, Bangalore and their pay and qualifications ;

(*b*) the number of unskilled workers (Men and Women) employed for the preparation of Medicines in the said Pharmacy and what is their pay ;

(*c*) whether the Pharmacy has got up-to-date machineries for the manufacture of Medicines ;

(*d*) if not, whether they intend purchasing them in the near future ;

(*e*) if so, at what cost ?

A.—Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) The following officers have been employed :—

(i) Officer incharge in the scale of Rs. 300-700 with M. B. B. S. and L. A. M. S. Qualification ;

(ii) One Superintendent in the scale of Rs. 230-500 with L. A. M. S. Qualification ;

(iii) 3 Assistant Supervisors (Ayurvedic) in the scale of Rs. 120-240 with LAMS Qualification ;

(iv) 4 Assistant Superivisors (Unani) in the scale of Rs. 120-240 with L. U. M. S. Qualification ;

(*b*) 19 Lascars in the scale of Rs. 50-1-60 are utilised for the preparation of medicine.

(*c*) To a certain extent.

(*d*) A few will be purchased according to needs.

(*e*) Purchase of some equipment costing Rs. 14,300 has recently been sanctioned.

Herbarium attached to the Government Central Pharmacy.

Q.—49. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the extent of "Dhanavantrivana (Herbarium) attached to the Government Central Pharmacy, Bangalore ;

(*b*) who is the controlling authority of the said Vana ;

(*c*) which are the rare varieties of herbs grown in the said Vana ;

(*d*) the value of the herbs produced there each year during the last three years ?